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Application No. : 2,369,801
Owner : SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION
Title : INK JET PRINTER AND IMAGE PRINTING SYSTEM AS WELL AS PRINTING METHODS THEREFOR
Classification : B41J-2/145
Your File No. : PAT 50902-1
Examiner : Matthew Chisholm

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF :

- A REQUISITION BY THE EXAMINER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 30(2) OF THE *PATENT RULES*;
- A REQUISITION BY THE EXAMINER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 29 OF THE *PATENT RULES*.

IN ORDER TO AVOID MULTIPLE ABANDONMENTS UNDER PARAGRAPH 73(1)(A) OF THE PATENT ACT, A WRITTEN REPLY TO EACH REQUISITION MUST BE RECEIVED WITHIN 6 MONTHS AFTER THE ABOVE DATE.

This application has been examined as originally filed.

The number of claims in this application is 42.

The claims are directed to a plurality of alleged inventions as follows:

Group A - Claims 1-16 are directed to an ink jet print head with two axis of movement and pitch adjusting means; and

Group B - Claims 17-42 are directed to an ink jet printer with an odd number time and an even number time printing operation.

The claims must be limited to one invention only as set out in Section 36 of the Patent Act.

In view of the above, a search of the prior art has been limited to the subject matter in claims 1-16.

A search of the prior art has revealed the following:

Reference Applied:

United States Patent

4 739 415

Apr. 19, 1988

Toyono et al.

Toyono et al. disclose an image handling system capable of varying the size of a recorded image.

Claims 1-16 do not comply with Paragraph 28.2(1)(b) of the Patent Act. Toyono et al. disclosed the claimed subject matter of the two axis printing system and pitch adjustment before the claim date.

In view of the foregoing defects, the applicant is requisitioned, under Subsection 30(2) of the Patent Rules, to amend the application in order to comply with the Patent Act and the Patent Rules or to provide arguments as to why the application does comply.

Under Section 29 of the *Patent Rules*, applicant is requisitioned to provide an identification of any prior art cited in respect of the United States application describing the same invention on behalf of the applicant, or on behalf of any other person claiming under an inventor named in the present application, and the patent number, if granted. Amendment to avoid references cited abroad may expedite the prosecution. In accordance with Subsection 29(3) of the *Patent Rules*, if the particulars are not available to the applicant, the reason why must be stated.

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